

TAX-PAYER REPLIES TO MAYOR THOMAS

The Subject of Municipal Ownership From Another Standpoint,

WHICH APPEARS PLAUSIBLE

He is No Corporation Attorney and His Pocket-Book Has Never Been Stuffed from Any Source—He Doesn't Like Mud-Slinging.

Editor Sun:

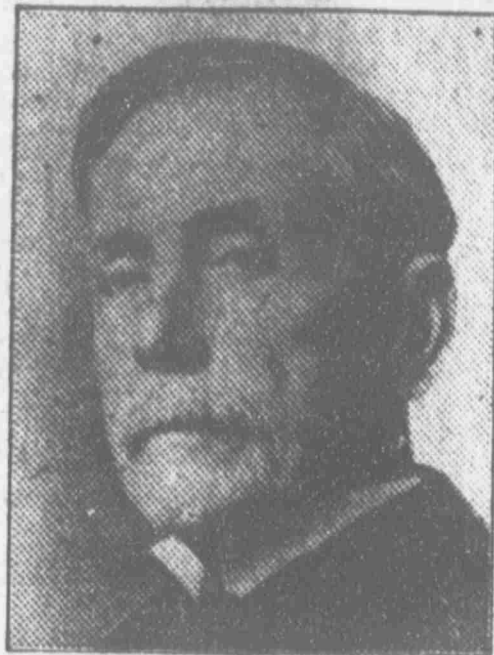
When I wrote the letter for your valuable paper which was published Sunday morning, September 24th, my object was that of showing to the citizens of Gainesville the result of municipal ownership of electric lighting plants in other places and the danger of entering into such a scheme in as small a city as ours, especially when the yearly revenue is so small, and an undertaking of this kind would only be a large increase of taxation. In last Sunday's paper my friend, Major-Mayor W. R. Thomas sees fit to accuse me of being a corporation attorney, which, to my deep regret, I am compelled to refute, for a position of that kind at the present day means great power and rich fees, and can testify to the fact that my pocket-book has never been stuffed from any such source. Were it possible for the Major-Mayor to secure such a place for his tool, the attorney who writes his effusions for him (and he is brainy enough to hold it), it would be of benefit to more than one. One of the greatest signs of weakness in my argument is that of resorting to mud-slinging and personalities, and I am surprised that the Major-Mayor, in writing the letter, did not cut out this part, for it is well known that he is an astute, shrewd politician, and one who could not care to lay himself open for any kind of a discussion.

I notice that the Honorable Major-Mayor begins several of his sentences with "We," and as this style, in the singular, is supposed to be the prerogative only of editors, kings, emperors and ems, and as it is known that the Major-Mayor is not at present an editor, he must claim it with the feeling that he is the Czar of Gainesville, and as such the common people must do his bidding without a murmur or a back talk. I feel sorry that ("we" have neither time nor space at our command," to quote from the Major-Mayor's letter) it was impossible to refute the plain truths and figures shown in my first letter, for I can see how it hurts. However, the Major-Mayor goes on to say that if a private concern is profitable, it must be as a municipal concern. Suppose we admit that a private utility is profitable, it is no manner of means is a certainty it will be for a municipality. Why? First, municipal ownership means socialism, and that socialism means loss of private initiative, and the abolition of the spirit of competition, and of that wholesome, sturdy independence of character which characterizes our civilization and which is generally esteemed essential to its further development and well-being. But the main objection is, that municipal ownership means the handling of thousands of dollars by those in power who have little or no knowledge of the utility they have in charge, owing to the fact of frequent elections, making such short terms of office, that no one out of officials remain in power sufficiently long to master, or learn, the correct mode of conducting the business, and consequently the results are a waste of the people's money, but the scheme enables the bosses to fill offices and secure a firmer hold on power. Here in Gainesville, the Major-Mayor's boasted stock company of the laborer and the millionaire, would, taking the results of other places as shown by their own experience and graves, resolve itself into an overburdened, tax-ridden and bankrupt community.

As I am not a corporation attorney, I cannot be a property owner, and feel that I have a perfect right to object, when my taxes are increased by the means of those who have no real right in the city, but are influenced by a bond issue, with the idea that they will profit by it, either by having an office or increase of daily pay for a short time. I would like to ask one question of the Major-Mayor, and that is this: Outside of himself and others holding large amounts of city property for sale, or as agents, who else have been in pushing this question of a bond issue on the people?

Is it the fashion to make references to the Bible, so I wish to quote

OF VITAL INTEREST TO EVERY CITIZEN.



MR. C. D. TAYLOR,

CLERK BOARD OF HEALTH SAYS PERUNA HAS BECOME THE FAMILY MEDICINE OF THE WORKING PEOPLE IN HIS CITY.

Mr. C. D. Taylor has been Clerk of the City Board of Health, Jacksonville, Fla., for ten years, which position has afforded him ample opportunity for noting the best means of preventing and curing disease.

He expresses his approval of the use of Peruna as the most effective means of solving a problem of such vital interest to the community in the following letter:—

"The health of the poor of a large city is always a question of vital interest, not only to the city officials but to every citizen. It has been a source of much satisfaction to me to find that so large a number of working people in moderate circumstances have accepted Peruna as their family medicine. It has cured a large number of cases especially of catarrh of the head, lungs and stomach and building up the general health it cannot fail but prove a help and blessing to any community where it is generally adopted and used. I have found it an honest, reliable remedy and am pleased to endorse it."—C. D. Taylor.

Address Dr. S. B. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

the following from the thirty-fifth Psalm, twenty-fifth verse: "Let them not say in their hearts, There! There! So would we have it: Neither let them say, We have devoured him."

TAX-PAYER.

MEETING BOARD OF TRADE.

J. R. Feaster Wants to Sub-Lease Fishing Grounds at Alachua Sink.

A regular meeting of the Gainesville Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon and a fair membership was present.

In the absence of the President, Hon. W. G. Robinson, and Vice-President W. R. Thomas, Senator H. H. McCreary was called to the chair.

J. R. Feaster submitted a proposition to sub-lease the Alachua sink properties. Mr. Feaster is engaged in the fishing business for a livelihood and is desirous of securing same. It appears that the Gainesville Board of Trade holds the rights from the owner, W. N. Camp of Ocala. Mr. Feaster proposed to the Board of Trade to supply camping paraphernalia, fishing tackle and all things that go to make fishing and hunting trip a success, at reasonable prices, if the board would give him the exclusive fishing privilege.

After considering the matter, the same was left to a special committee, who will decide upon the case. E. E. Voyle is chairman of the committee.

OFF TO CAMP.

The Gainesville Guards Will Take Special Train to Orlando Today.

The Gainesville Guards, Company H, Second Infantry, Florida State Troops, will take their departure this morning by special train for Orlando, where they will be in camp for the next ten days.

The special train will be via the Atlantic Coast Line, and will leave at 5:30 o'clock, connecting at Rochelle with the special military train. At this point the coach assigned to the Guards will be attached to the main line train.

The company is a full one, and is under command of Captain C. E. Layton and Lieutenant J. W. Blanding, with the following non-commissioned officers: First Sergeant B. Carpenter; Sergeants C. E. Boyd, J. M. Carlisle, F. E. Roux, S. L. Carter, Jr., and W. D. Blake, quartermaster-general; Corporals C. C. Chitty, W. J. Holly, M. G. Stringfellow and E. B. Baker.

CITIZENS HAD GOOD MEETING

Many Responded to Invitation of Mayor Thomas Wednesday.

BOND ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED

Several Spoke—All in Favor of Bonds, but One Speaker Objected to Lighting Clause and Gave Reasons—Executive Committee Appointed.

In compliance with the call of Mayor W. R. Thomas, a large crowd of representative citizens convened at the court house last night for the purpose of discussing the bond issue, the election for which occurs on the 10th inst. In the audience there were several ladies, which was evidence that the bond issue is a prominent one at this time.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas, who was elected chairman. H. H. McCreary was selected secretary.

Chairman Thomas stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of hearing from the citizens in the matter of the proposed issuance of bonds for the purpose of sewerage, paving and lighting, and the erection of a hospital. He asked those who felt inclined to talk to do so, either for or against the issue. After a brief silence, the chairman called upon Dr. J. Harrison Hodges, who "set the ball rolling" with an enthusiastic argument in favor of bonds.

Following Dr. Hodges, Dr. J. F. McKinstry, who is regarded as one of the most progressive citizens of the city, made a few appropriate and timely remarks in favor of bonds. He was followed by L. J. Burkheim, who stated that his heart and soul was for Gainesville's interests. He believed in bonds, but regretted that the ordinance was so framed that a voter was compelled to cast his ballot for or against the entire issue. He believed in sewerage, streets and hospital, but was not so certain about the municipal ownership of a lighting plant in competition with a plant which was already furnishing good service, and he could not see sufficient patronage for two plants. That was his only objection to municipal ownership.

Attorney Robt. E. Davis, in an eloquent address, stood up for bonds. He cited Tallahassee to show that municipal ownership of the electric light plant paid there at a charge of only ten cents per kilowatt, notwithstanding it had to compete with a gas plant. He also read from the report of the Jacksonville electric light plant, showing that the same paid handsomely at 7½ cents per kilowatt, in competition with a gas plant. His speech was well received, and at the conclusion was heartily applauded.

Chairman Thomas invited any others present who desired to express themselves, but there being no others, a motion was made that a committee of ten be appointed by the chair to serve as an executive committee in this campaign. This motion was unanimously carried, and the chairman stated that the committee would be appointed today.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

ICE CREAM SUPPER.

People of Rochelle Will Hold Benefit for Piano Tomorrow.

The good people of Rochelle, always up with the times, and desirous of relieving the indebtedness on the piano now being used in Martha Perry Institute, have decided to give an ice cream supper Friday evening, the 6th inst., at that place, the proceeds of which will be used for payment on the piano.

An appropriate program will be arranged, and altogether the affair promises to be an enjoyable one. The public is cordially invited to come and help in a good cause.

Will Become a Benedict.

Homer T. Welch, well and pleasantly known in this city as an erstwhile agent of the Southern Express Company, and who made many friends here, is soon to become a Benedict, his engagement to Mrs. Alice Dolan, of Muncie, Ind., having been announced. The marriage will occur at Sarasota, the Southern home of the bride, on the evening of Wednesday, October 11.

Mr. Welch's numerous friends in this city will extend congratulations in advance.

Hon. W. M. Girardeau of Monticello has shipped a carload of watermelon seed to California.

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MONTHLY MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Large Number of Bills Were Paid at October Meeting.

A WAR ON ENCROACHMENTS

The Council Has Decided to Clear the Streets of Obstructions and Instructions Were Issued to Straighten Certain Streets—Other Business.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held Monday evening, at which a full board was present with the exception of Alderman Cushman, who was absent from the city.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting, the tax books for the year 1905 were taken up and examined, found correct and adopted.

Alderman Edward O'Neill, chairman of the committee on appropriations, made the following recommendations for amounts to be assessed out of the general fund:

Redemption bonds, 3 mills; officers' fund, 3 mills; sanitary fund, ½ mill; light fund, 3½ mills; printing fund, ½ mill; fire fund, 4 mills; street fund, 4½ mills; cemetery fund, ½ mill; contingent fund, ½ mill. Upon motion of Alderman Taylor this recommendation was accepted.

Following this was the reading and payment of a large number of bills.

The council discussed at some length the matter of encroachments upon certain thoroughfares in the city and a resolution was passed that the mayor or the chairman of the street committee instruct the officers to remove the following encroachments:

On Magnolia street, from its intersection with West Main street to its intersection with Arradondo street; Garden street, from its intersection with Union street to its intersection with Lemon street. The mayor or chairman of the street committee was empowered to employ a surveyor to locate the street lines, if necessary.

After the transaction of some minor business, the council adjourned.

Dr. N. J. de Leon, second health officer of the port of Havana, is in Tampa to study the situation as to the necessity of quarantine restrictions.

AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Alachua Entertain.

Alachua, Oct. 3.—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a meeting at the Methodist church Sunday night and were greeted by a good crowd which greatly enjoyed the evening. It was on religious lines and was an appeal for funds to help pay the expenses of women missionaries in foreign lands.

The following was the program of the evening:

Song—"Come, Thou Almighty King." Scripture reading and prayer. Song—"The Harvest Fields." Recitation—Maud Moye Mason. Solo—Mrs. William Rives. Reading—Mrs. C. C. Wetherington. Recitation—Minnie Stork. Song—"The Reapers." Reading—Ethel Olmstead. Talk by the pastor. Collection.

Recitation by Maud Moye Mason—"Rock Me to Sleep, Mother, Rock Me to Sleep," and the answer.

It has been decided that we are entitled to permit the casting of 200 votes in the free library contest for each yearly subscription paid for prior to October 15th, 1905. Subscribers who have paid for the paper since June 14th are entitled to vote. Coupons can be obtained at this office.

The Twice-a-Week Sun being entitled to permit the casting of 200 votes in the free library contest for each yearly subscription paid for, the ladies of Kirby Smith Chapter, U. B. C., take this method of notifying those who pay their subscriptions prior to 7 o'clock p. m. of October 14th, 1905, that the Chapter will greatly appreciate their support. Should the Chapter win the library the reference books will be given to the Gainesville High School, where they are badly needed, and the others to the Hospital Association. Simply write the editor of The Sun to permit Mrs. J. F. McKinstry, Jr., to cast your vote, and the ladies will greatly appreciate same.

Burglars moved out about \$5,000 worth of goods from the store of Henry Jacobo, Jacksonville, some time during the past week. The police nor proprietors are not sure in regard to the date, whether it was last week or this, as it might have happened Saturday or Sunday.